Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Fabry disease is a progressive, destructive, and inherited disorder that causes children and adults to suffer with many symptoms that diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death in adults due to heart attacks, strokes, and kidney failure; and,

Whereas, Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A that results in harmful buildup of lipids in the body and cellular dysfunction; and,

Whereas, There is a treatment available, but the disease is severely under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, or is often not diagnosed until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and,

Whereas, Fabry disease is inherited in an X-linked manner and has been estimated to occur in about 1 in 40,000 to 60,000 males, and as many as twice this number of females may be affected but with more varied symptoms than males; and,

Whereas, Newborn screening programs are revealing more babies are being born with classic and non-classic Fabry disease than historical estimates indicate; and,

Whereas, Health care providers and families should be aware of Fabry disease symptoms and if suspected, obtain an alpha-galactosidase A gene test that can detect the presence of this treatable disorder:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State